SURVEY OF THE STATUS OF THE EXISTING PROCESS WASTE LINES

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I. INTRODUCTION

Recent changes of philosophy on the subject of environmental control at the Rocky Flats plant have led to
changes in the handling of process waste. In the past,
leak detection in pipelines has been extremely difficult or inaccurate, delaying necessary repairs. In
conjunction with the construction of a new aqueous
waste treatment plant (Building 374), a new process
waste line has been installed which is doubly-contained, providing a secondary barrier to contain leaks.
This new system is also completely inspectable.

Rather than simply abandoning the old lines, it becomes necessary to concern ourselves with the condition of the original process waste collection system. These lines are not only uninspectable, but have been in heavy use, in part, for 25 years and have required numerous repairs and modifications in that time. It is possible that some portions of these lines may present a residual hazard after being placed in idle status. Varying conditions may require more extensive actions than simply flushing and sealing the lines. In the extreme, filling or complete removal may be necessary.

In response to a request made by J. A. Watt, ERDA-RFAO, in the fall of 1975, an outline was initiated by B. L. Kelchner of Waste Processing to define the data needed to analyze the problem.

The following engineering study is a collection of information concerning the existing process waste collection system which will be removed from service and ultimately abandoned when the new waste treatment facility is operative. In order to assist in making a

judgement concerning the disposition of these lines, data has been tabulated that includes: line sizes, location, age, materials of construction, operating data, and unusual operating incidents. To supplement the criteria concerning possible environmental hazards, soil samples were taken and analyzed in areas of known leaks and repairs. The final step in the study was a library search for new developments in the area of pipe cleaning. This study includes lines buried in the field and waste collection tanks, both inside and out of the buildings.

II. SUMMARY

The purpose of this study was to gather pertinent data for use by qualified consultants rather than to state conclusively the final disposition of these lines. However, a few general observations are the natural consequence of any exposure to analytical data. As the study progressed, some conclusions became obvious which might be helpful in minimizing the complexity of the problem.

One major factor in considering abandonment of any of the lines is that several times in the past, leaks have been caused by equipment accidentally breaking into a line. It is likely that, once the lines are no longer in use, consciousness of their existence will become increasingly obscure. Filling of these abandoned lines with some inert material would confine contaminants if future construction activities should damage the lines.

One example where removal would be both practical and desirable is the old saran-lined pipe than runs between 881 and 707. The line was installed in 1952 and has had heavy usage and numerous repairs since that time. Since the line is doubly-contained, removal of the 3" inner saran-lined steel pipe could be accomplished without excavation by pulling the line through the 10" vitrified clay pipe casing. Waste treatment personnel, under the direction of M. E. Maas have already successfully removed 120' of the line in this manner. Because the line was, at that time, the only means of transferring process waste from the south side of the plant to 774, no attempt was made to remove the longer pieces of line. Since the line was abandoned in 1975, this method would be an economical, expedient way to eliminate one area of concern.

An area where a strong argument could be made for abandonment in-place is the line running east-west between 444 and 883. Although the line is old and pipe material is cast iron, it has carried only very small amounts of depleted uranium and nitrates. A soil sample at the location of the only known break in the line was found to contain 62 ppm NO₃. Plutonium 239 is near background level at this same location.

Soil samples were obtained from areas known to be contaminated as a result of leaks. The soil sample results indicate that pipeline removal would not require removal of surrounding soil. Assuming that these soil sample results are typical, they do not by themselves constitute a basis for removal of the lines. It should be noted that the samples taken from the 700 Area (samples 4-9) are above plutonium background level which is approximately 0.03 d/m/g. The two taken in the south part of the plant (samples 1-2) are closer to background. An expanded soil sampling program would define the boundaries within which contamination levels are higher than normal.*

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Although there are no established levels for nitrates in soil, the sample results are not high. They do verify that there has been leakage.*

^{*}Evaluation of the soil sample analysis was made with the help and direction of Merlyn R. Boss and Daryl D. Hornbacher of Health and Environmental Science.

Disposition of lines in the 700 Area will require careful consideration. Decisions should be made on a case by case basis. After the process waste lines are no longer in use, samples taken from the inside of the lines would be very helpful in gauging any residual hazards. The description of these lines contained in the process waste lines section of this report and the process waste summary should be helpful in determining the condition of these lines.

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III. PROCESS WASTE STREAMS

These streams originate from production and research activities and laboratory, laundry, decontamination, and janitorial operations. Aqueous chemical and radio-active waste are generated in Buildings 123, 444, 707, 771, 776, 779, 865, 881, 883, and 889. Each tank of waste is sampled before shipment and, depending on the level of radioactivity and chemical composition, can be routed to Building 774 for treatment, Pond B-2 on South Walnut Creek, or the solar evaporation ponds, Facility 207. Average volume and level of contamination have varied over the years as various building operations have been changed. Usage, in general, has been high and both lines and tanks normally contain liquids. Monthly averages covering all years the plant has been in operation are listed in Appendix 2 for each building.

IV. PROCESS WASTE HOLDING TANKS

To be consistent with the current philosophy on environmental protection at the Rocky Flats plant, process
waste holding tanks must be made double-contained and
inspectable. Some have already been modified by placing
a new tank inside the old one. Others are under authorization as part of construction projects to be made
doubly contained.

In 1971, several sample wells were drilled around the buried tanks so that they could be regularly monitored for releases to the environment. Twice a year, liquid samples are taken from the sample wells and they are analyzed for plutonium, americium, uranium, and nitrates by the Health and Environmental Science Laboratories.

In assessing any potential environmental hazard, Appendix 2 will be helpful. The highest level of contamination and usage history of each building's process waste is listed. This is, of course, the same waste that has been carried by the process waste lines. Tank material, capacity and age are tabulated in the table included in this section of the study.

•		Notes	to be made double contained under Auth. 385050			placed inside old concrete tanks	to be double contained, Auth. 385050	to be double contained, Auth. 375030	to be made double contained, Auth. 385050			2 for caustics 2 for HNO ₃ & Be	,			aboveground, tran ported by portable
		No./Mo. (1)	3 in 6 mos.	22	2	22	. 9	~	17	7		. 7	2		m ·	
•		Age (years)	10	50	23	2	9	==	23	23	23	23	10	10	01	
		Material	concrete with carbolene lining	concrete	concrete	fiberglass	concrete	concrete	steel concrete with floor drain	stainless steel	stainless steel	stainless steel	stainless steel	stainless steel	welded steel welded steel welded stain- less steel	steel
	DING TANKS	Dimensions (feet)	5×7×4.25	25x15x10 5x15x10	22×15.5×7.5			22x9x7.5 5x9x7.5	7.5x12.5			• •	7x9	3.5x8		
	PROCESS WASTE HOLDING TANKS	Capacity (gallons)	1,000	22,500 4,500	20,000	3,000	3,000	1,000	3,500	800	2,700	250	1,800	200	1,000 1,000 750	300
6	PRC	NI (2)	×	××	×		×	× ×	××	× .						
		Name/No.	/5	A&B/2 C&D/2	A&B/2	2	~	14&18/2 24&28/2	72-13/2 2	-	7	4	182/2	3/1	755	-
		Location, Depth	In pit W of bldg., 15' deep	N of 776 (N 37080 E 20911.5), 26'	N of NE corner of bldg., 18'	E side of 707 (N 37080 E 20911), 20'	located on the first level, Column C-4, 15'	basement level, Column C-5, 10'	basement level, Col. F, E-6, 7	SE of bldg., underground	lower level	Room 114A	in holding pit SE of bldg.		basement - Room l	18 feet % of bldg.
		8149.	888	176	171	707	865	779	444	122	887	881	559		883	886

	Notes	
	No./Mo. (1)	30
	Age (years) 23	
· ·	Material	
ROCESS WASTE HOLDING TANKS (continued	Dimensions (feet)	
ASTE HOLDING 1	Capacity (gallons) 3,000	14,000 30,000
PROCESS W	NI (2)	× ×
	Name/No.	12
	Location, Depth S of bldg. (holds 123 process waste), 6'8"	
	B1dg. 441	774

Present number of tank shipments per month. Based on first five months of 1976. $\widehat{\varepsilon}$

(2) Not Inspectable

V. PONDS

Low-level waste from the buildings and filtrate from the Building 774 second stage operations are sent either to the solar evaporation ponds, 207-A, B, C or discharged off-site to Pond B-2 on South Walnut Creek.

In the Process Waste Summary, Appendix 2, 207-A, B are referred to as 2-A and 2-B, respectively. These were the original terms used to identify these ponds.

Of the ponds on South Walnut Creek, only one is used for process waste. It was previously the Building 995 Pond (later called Pond 3). It is now Pond B-2.

Solar Evaporation Ponds	Dimensions (ft)	Capacity (gal)
207-A	521 x 250	Operational - 5,112,000 Overflow - 6,155,000
207-C	248 x 168	Operational - 1,286,000 Overflow - 1,673,000
207 B-1	*250 x 181	Operational - 1,583,000 Overflow - 2,188,000
B-2	*250 x 181	Operational - 1,705,000 Overflow - 2,310,000
B-3	*250 x 181	Operational - 1,710,000 Overflow - 2,315,000

*Depths vary

S. Walnut Creek Ponds	Type of Waste	Capacity (gal)
B-2	Laundry Waste	1.9 x 10 ⁶
B-1	Sanitary Waste	0.8 x 10 ⁶
B-3	Sanitary Waste	0.9 x 10 ⁶
B - 4	Sanitary Waste	0.6 x 10 ⁶

VI. PROCESS WASTE LINES

The process waste lines presently in use vary greatly in age, material and usage history. Consequently, any decision concerning their ultimate disposal will vary from line to line.

In general, the system is gravity-flow and vented so the lines have not been subject to any pressure. The line coming from Building 444 to Building 883 is pumped but is essentially at atmospheric pressure due to its large 4" diameter and the low volume of waste carried from this area. The line coming from 881 north to 883 is also pumped but pressure should not exceed about 10 psi.

The only thermally hot waste coming through the lines has been steam condensate from Building 881. Although the temperature should not have affected the saranlined steel used in this line, the steam condensate is believed to be the probable cause of numerous leaks at the 45° elbows of the lines. The steam caused expansion in the flanges which allowed acids in the waste to corrode the outer mild steel. (For more information, see Appendix 1-A 2.)

The following table is a collection of data concerning the process waste lines which will be superseded by the new, double-contained system. Line sizes, length, age, and materials of construction have been tabulated. The operating data and leak information are contained in the appendices. The last column of the table refers to the appendix which contains information pertinent to each line.

PIPES
WASTE
PROCESS
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Usage, Leaks, and Repairs	see Annendiv 2. Nide 193	see Appendix 2: Bldg. 123	Appendix 2;	see Appendix IA, III, & IV	see Appendix 2; Bldg. 881	see Appendix 2; Bldg. 883	2 Blda.		see Appendix 2; Bldg. 865 & 889	see Appendix 4 Dwg. 15507-1 Detail 2	see Appendix 2; Bldgs. 881, 865. 889, 883, 441, 444, 8	123 see Appendix IA-1	see Appendix IA-1		see Appendix 2; Bldgs. 123, 444, 559, 707, 865, 889.	
Year Installed	1968	1952	1952		1957	1957 1952	1952	1952	1968				VCP 1952 1952	1975	1968	1952
Total Feet	. 120	162	1,193		865	504 78	140	158	250			165	573	523	878	942
Pipe dia. (inches)	3 inside 4	4	4		ო	. K 2	က	4	က			3 inside 10			٣	
Pipe Material	polyethylene in steel	vitnified clay	cast iron		steel	steel stainless ste el	stainless steel	stainless steel	stainless steel			new FG inside old VCP	3" saran-lined steel in	3" ribbed hose in 4" FG	stainless steel	3" saran-lined steel in 10" VCP
General Location See Appendix 4-Dwg. 15507-1	400 Area exits S side of 123; ends at po F18623 5	begins E18623.5; enters 441 at N36081.8	begins 44] tank; connects 441, 444 & 883 (N36056)	800 Area	Connects 881 to valve pit W of 884 (N36232 E20560)	connects 883 to valve pit W of 884 exits S side of 881; connects 81 & 89	exits S side of 881; connects 81 & 89	exits S side of 881; connects 81 & 89	connects 865, 889 to N36191; £20560	Main north-south line (E20560)	(000077)	begins valve pit W of 884; to just N of Central Avenue	N of Central to valve pit W of 707 (N36910)	N of Central to valve pit W of 707 (N26910)	begins valve pitW of 707; ends N707 (E21058)	diagonal (N36910 E20560 to N37370 E21058) then N to N36581 E21058

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OUTSIDE PROCESS WASTE PIPES (continued)

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General Location	Pipe Material	Pipe dia. (inches)	Total Feet	Year Installed	Usage, Leaks, and Repairs
559 Area exits E side of 561 (N37072); con-	polyvinyl chloride	m	170	1968	see Appendix 2; Bldg. 559
nects to main line (£20560) exits SE side of 559 (N37124 £20370)	glass	4	135	1968	see Appendix 2; Bldg. 559
enters NE 559 (N3/216 E20405) exits S of 559 (E20278); enters W of rigid teflon 561 (N37071.5)	rigid teflon	2 3/4	150	1968	see Appendix 2; Bldg. 559
See Appendix 4 Dwg. 15507-2					•
700 Area n 707 (n37292 E21058) to n 777 (n37681 E20990)	stainless steel	ю	455	1968	see Appendix 2; Bldgs. 123, 444, 559, 707, 865, 883,
N 777 to Bldg. 774 (enters W side at	stainless steel	m	336	1952	see Appendix 2 all bldgs. ex-
M38025) E 707 (N37132) to N 707 (N37284) exits M 771 (E20588) to 771 tanks	stainless steel cast iron	സ	186 85	1968 1966	see Appendix 2; Bldg. 707 see Appendix 2; Bldg. 771
(N38201) 771 tanks to reducer N of 774	cast iron	9	180	1966	see Appendix 2; Bldg. 771 &
reducer N of 774 to valve pit N of tank 207 (N37820)	stainless steel	е	516	1972	see Appendix 2; Bldg. 771 & Appendix 18 & 111
See Appendix 4 Dwg. 15507-2					
700 Area 774 to N37931 E21077	stainless steel	two 3" pipes	185	1968	see Appendix 2 treated waste
N37931 E21077 to valve pit N of	stainless steel	two 3" pipes	111	1972	
tunnel between 771 & 774	plastic hoses	three 1" pipes			see Appendix 2; 771 into 774 first stage
exits N 776 (E20769,5) to 776 tanks	cast iron	ı W	72	1957	see Appendix 2; Bldg. 776
776 tanks to Ponds (N37/15.3)	steel stainless steel	າາ ຕາ	402	1957	see Appendix 2; Bldg. 776
(N3/820) exits W side 779 (N37552) to valve	stainless steel	е	164	1957	see Appendix 2; Bldg. 779
779 to valve pit N of 777 W 771 (N3791) to 771 tanks (N38207)	stainless steel fiberglass steel		44 395 230	1957 1969 1965	see Appendix 2; Bldg. 771
	vitrified clay pipe vitrified clay pine	ቀፍ	153	1952 1966	

OUTSIDE PROCESS WASTE PIPES (continued)

Usage, Leaks, and Repairs	see Appendix 2	abandoned see Appendix 2;	Bldg. //4 to Bldg. 95 ponds	
Year Installed				
Total Feet	.1,500	-2,190 - 590	1,190	85
Pipe dia. (inches)	two 1.5" 10	9 9	ო	۵
Pipe Material	polyvinyl chloride vitrified clay pipe	vitrified clay pipe vitrified clay pipe	steel	cast iron
General Location Ponds	exits E 774 (N38075) to Pond 207-A valve pit NE of tank 207 to off site (E23700)	from N37335 E22652 to N37287 E23239	from valve pit NE of tank 207 (N37713 E21050) to ponds	connects 207 & 207 A

VII. APPENDICES

Appendix 1-A and 1-B describe leaks and repairs. 1-A is crossreferenced to Drawing 15507-4 in Appendix 4.

1-B is crossreferenced to Drawing 15507-5 in Appendix 4.

Appendix 2 is a summary of the wastes carried by the lines over the years. Appendix 3 contains the results of eight soil samples taken in areas of possible contamination from leaks. These areas are also marked on the drawings in Appendix 4. The first columns of the Process Waste Lines Table locate the piece of line being described. Reference points and coordinates refer to the drawings in Appendix 4.

APPENDIX 1-A - LEAKS AND REPAIRS (Notes on Drawing 15507-4)

- A. The line between the 884 valve pit and the valve pit east of Building 557 (quard station) was found to have a leak rate of 2.7 gal/hr at 20 psig (65 gal/day) in May 1971 by International Leak Detection Services in Houston. Texas. This line (E20560 from N36232 to N36910) is 3" mild steel lined with saran and encased in a 10" vitrified clay pipe. The line was installed in 1952 and abandoned in 1975. The remaining piece of line (going from the valve pit of N36910 to the valve pit east of Building 557) is 3" stainless steel and was placed in 1968. The first 120' north of the 884 valve pit was repaired as follows: the 10" VCP containment was kept in place but the inner 3" saran-lined pipe was replaced with a 3" ribbed hose. Just north of Central Avenue (even with the concrete anchor for the power pole) a new double-contained line (3" ribbed hose in 4" FGreinforced epoxy) jogs to the west of the old line about 4 ft. and continues north, parallel to the abandoned 3" saran-lined pipe and 10" VCP containment. A soil sample and clay tile pipe sample taken in May 1972 (Report PRD 950463-107) of the abandoned line showed no measurable amount of contamination and a visual inspection showed only surface rust. Some bolts at the flanges were tested and found to be in good condition. A soil sample was taken for this study at the 884 valve pit (see Appendix 3 for a sketch). Analysis results showed $Pu^{239} - 0.049 \text{ d/m/g}$ and $NO_3 - 110 \text{ ppm}$.
- B. There is an abandoned line from the valve pit at N36910 E20560 (West of 707) running at a diagonal to the northeast and ending at N37370 E20990. The line is 3" saran-lined steel in 10" vitrified clay containment.

A large portion of it lies under Building 707 which was built after the line was abandoned in 1968. Substantial leaks occurred at the elbow connections during its use due to expansion from steam condensate from Building 881. Leaks of acidic process waste resulted in corrosion of the outside mild steel. The abandoned line continues north from the joint at N37370 E20990 and is buried beneath Building 777. It is probable that portions of all this line were removed as excavation for 707 and 777 made necessary. One bad leak occurred in December of 1958 when the south 45° elbow broke and process waste followed the containment pipe to the north 45° elbow and leaked into a ditch. From Building 881, 2,700 gallons of lab waste (radioactivity .51 ppm enriched uranium, pH 5.6, NO, 120 ppm) and 2,700 gallons of laundry waste (radioactivity .51 ppm enriched uranium, pH 9.4) was sent and 1,350 gallons were received in 774. The elbow was repaired and the line remained in use for another 10 years. A soil sample taken for this study at the valve pit west of 707 (see Appendix 3, soil sample #4) showed $Pu^{239} - 0.145 \text{ d/m/g}$ and $NO_3 - 54 \text{ ppm}$.

C. The east-west line running at N36030 and connecting Buildings 122, 123, and 444 to a junction with the north-south line west of Building 883 is the original 4" cast iron pipe with bell-and-spigot construction and is about 23 years old. Significant leaks were found in the joints by International Leak Detection Service in 1971. Leak rate was determined to be 2.5 gal/hr at 37 psig. The line itself seemed to be intact and the joints were repacked to stop further leakage. The line was tested under pressure greater than that normally found under ordinary working conditions. Report PRD 950463-107, May 1972 by Hornbacher and Lott describes the problem and repair in detail.

- D. A break in the line close to the driveway of Building 663 occurred around 1960 to 1962. The line chipped as trucks backed over the shallow cover and the leak was detected as water bubbled to the ground surface. A small portion of the line was replaced and no subsequent leaks were reported.
- E. A piece of line right under the outside perimeter road (this line goes off-site to Pond B-2) was broken by a cable-laying operation and recovered. The leak was detected by excess water in the culvert and subsequently repaired by replacing a piece of the line.

APPENDIX 1-B - LEAKS AND REPAIRS (Notes on Drawing 15507-5)

- A. The two parallel lines running between 774 and the valve pit north of tank 207 were found to be leaking badly in the old cast iron sections. The 3" line had a leak rate of 14 gal/hr at 20 psig. The parallel 4" line had a leak rate of 45 gal/hr. Both were replaced in April 1972. Soil sample #8 taken east of the valve pit north of tank 207 showed Pu²³⁹ 1.83 d/m/g; NO₃ 76 ppm.
- B. The valves on the north of 777 (N37715 E21055) were found to be leaking in 1971 at a rate of 25 gal/hr at 20 psig. A valve pit was constructed in May 1974. Soil sample #6 showed Pu^{239} 0.05 d/m/g; NO_3 105 ppm.

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C. North of the new waste packaging facility joining 771 and 774, a leak rate of 15 gal/hr at 20 psig at the junction of a 6" cast iron with a 3" steel line was found in 1971 by International Leak Detection Services. The 3" steel has since been replaced with a 3" stainless steel line when the waste packaging facility was added in 1972. Soil sample #9 was analyzed to contain Pu^{239} - 3.385 d/m/g and NO_3 - 44 ppm.

APPENDIX 2 - PROCESS WASTE SUMMARY

These data were taken from the records of shipments to and from Building 774 kept by M. E. Maas, Waste Treatment Supervisor. The records were summarized to find the highest concentrations of radioactivity and chemical contamination that have been present in the process waste lines and tanks. Because of the huge amount of data and time limitations, approximately one-fourth of the data was selected to be tabulated. In most cases, there was little variation in monthly volumes and three months were picked at random (usually January, May, and October). When a marked change was noticed in usage. the month with the highest total volume was used. At times, it was possible to scan the entire year and total the volume. Those places have been marked as yearly totals.

Units and notation are the same as in the original records. The notes which clarify which substances are referred to in the activity column were given by Bob Carpenter, Assistant Manager of General Labs.

APPENDIX 2 - PROCESS WASTE SUMMARY

Buildings - Waste into 2nd Stage of 774	<u>Page</u>
441	2-3
883	2 - 3
881	2-3, 2-4,
	2 - 5
. 444	2-5, 2-6
559	2 - 6
889	2 - 7
122 -	2 - 7
123	2 - 7
886	2 - 7
776	2 - 7
771	2 - 8
707-779	2 - 8
Treated Waste from 774 to Ponds	2 - 9
Raw Waste to Ponds	2-11
Building 771 - Waste into 1st Stage of 774 - see Footnote -	Page 2-7

PROCESS WASTE DATA SUMMARY - FLUIDS INTO 2ND STAGE OF 774 Monthlv

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Ь	1																		4-9.8		<1-13.0		1.0-2.5	2.0-11.5 F 126.000	
CR ⁺⁶ (ppm)																			30.9						
NO3 (ppm)			1,066													146 ml			1 5,800	1 182,000		1.		103,750	
Highest Activity	3.2 ppm	4,600 d/m/l	1/nb 10.	•												3.3 gT/1	3.9 gT/1	1,02 gT/1	46 × 10 ⁶ d/m/	33 × 10 ⁶ d/m/	$30 \times 10^6 \text{ d/m/}$	$1.4 \times 10^6 d/m/1$.060 ppm	.34 ppm	
Monthly Average Volume	31,300	17,800	14,900	12,600	9.600	16,000	16,530	27,900	30,300	30,500	39,700	17,600	21,800	27,200		3,300	2,600	400	2,800	5,100	3,200	950	52,430	43,580	000
Year	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966		1959	1960	1961	1973	1974	1975	1976	1953	1954	1055
General Types and Levels of Contamination	Lab waste - low level activity is total	uranlum with 98% depleted uranium													Converted to office building in 1967.	Janitor water and process waste	Total gallons for year	Total gallons for year	depleted uranium				Laundry waste; process & lab waste; caustic		95% enriched uranium U-235
Bldg.	441															883							881	=	

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PROCESS WASTE DATA SUMMARY - FLUIDS INTO 2ND STAGE OF 774 (continued)

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CR ⁺⁶ (ppm)															
NO ₂ (ppm)	409,000	20,500	006		<100	860	350	400	545	435	19,000	17	4,800	11,800	116
Highest Activity	.48 ppm	4.9 ppm	.76 ppm	14.0 ppm	19 mdd	1.6 ppm	.58 ррш	1.4 ppm	1.2 ppm	3 ppm	1.8 ppm	1.3 ppm	1.92 ppm	12.6 ppm	.35 ppm
Monthly Average Volume	74,230	16,800	79,230	27,130	82,100	138,800	60,830	123,600	129,400	90,920	64,800	54,900	65,230	4,500	2,700
Year	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1961	1968	1969	1970
General Types and Levels of Contamination	This is the only building that	amos cura como contrato come	that sent some thermally hot waste through	the lines in the form of steam condensate							rear total volume				
Bldg.															

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Bldg.

Other		d/m/l Pu 6,900d/m/lPu	U2357 ppm U238-150 ppm 170,000 d/m/l Pu	U235-3.3 ppm U238-210 ppm 310,000 d/m/l Pu	U235-,64 ppm J238-155 ppm 220,000 J/m/1 p.	U235-3,5 ppm U238-1300 ppm	Fe 60 ppm Fe 0	CO ₃ 144 ppm Fe 55 ppm	e 90 ppm	i.	re 85	,			
- E				22 4,0	J 14	, , ,	8.2-9.4 F 6.9-8.4 F	7.4-10.8 F	2.4-11.1 Fe 90 ppm	2	3-12 F.		10.5-12.0	9.0-12 3	3.1-12.5
CR ⁺⁶ (ppm)											19				
NO ₃ (ppm)	1,660	1 2,870	1 9,000	m/]	ارm/1)	,	8,750 72,000	4,000	2,400	205	92	<10	165	775	122
Highest Activity	ll ppm 10 ⁷ d/m/l	210,000 d/m/l 2,870	600,000 d/m/l 9,000	2.7 × 10 ⁵ d/m/1	1.7 × 10 ⁶ d/m/1 ¹	240	416 ppm	267 ppm	2.18 gT/1 ⁴ .52 gT/1	.106 gT/1	.129 gT/1	1/19 10.	.028 97/1	.0039 gT/l	.0158 gT/I
Monthly Average Volume	4,500	7,630	19,560	3,130	6,200	28 230	16,700	22,300	30,700 47,100	87,600	41,200	43,670	47,670	41,670	61,600
Year	1971	1973	1974	1975	9261	1953	1954	1955	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963
General Types and Levels of Contamination						Process waste - depleted uranium									

6.31×10⁻⁵g/1-Pu <4.29×10⁻⁶g/1 Am

		2.6-11.6 3.7-11.3 3.8-11.3 3.4-8.6 2.8-11.9 2.1-13.2 8.2 2.9-9.9 PO ₄ 12 ppm 9.9	-1/6 OIXIC 0/1-
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	rR ⁺⁶ (nnm)	 4.05 4.05 105 4.05 105 105 106 107 108 109 109<td></td>	
ZND STAGE OF 774 (contin	Monthly ³ Average Highest Year Volume Activity NO ₂ (ppm)	.019 gT/1 173 .044 gT/1 435 .051 gT/1 732 .029 gT/1 19 .25 gT/1 9.5 110,000 d/m/1 65 28,000 d/m/1 76 5,600 d/m/1 76 5,600 d/m/1 8.5 x 10 ⁶ d/m/1	
SUMMARY - FLUIDS INTO	Monthly ³ Average Hig Volume Act	59,030 .019 41,300 .044 61,000 .051 17,910 .025 4,900 110, 3,600 28,0 3,470 77,0 2,300 5,60 4,960 9,550 4,450 5,120 3,430 1,770 3,630 8.5 x	
SS WASTE DATA S	Year	1964 1965 1965 1967 1973 1975 1976 1970 1971 1972 1973 1974 1975	
PROCESS	General Types and Levels of Contamination	Year total Year total Lab waste - activity refers to plutonium	
	Bldg.	559	

^{| =} total alpha in disintegrations/minute/liter

 $^{^2}$ = 97/l is grams of tuballoy (U-238) per liter

^{3 =} all volume in gallons

PROCESS WASTE DATA SUMMARY - FLUIDS INTO 2ND STAGE OF 774 (continued)

							√1Pu		•								ر/س/b			
Other	2.5			9	9.	3.5	1.7-8.5 2,400d/m/lPu		ther 774 or			۳.	.2	8	4.	2	4.0-10.3 31.6x10 ⁶ d/m/1		٠.	.2
Hd	10.2-12.5	9.9	5.8	5.4-9.6	7.6-12.6	11.6-13.5	1.7-8.		rted to ei		,	7.7-10.3	6.2-12.2	2.1-9.8	6.7-10.4	5.8-9.5	4.0-10	- C	5.01-0.5	9.9-11.2
CR ⁺⁶ (ppm)	<.05	<.05	<.05	52	-	.74			an underground tank and transferred to a portable tank which is transported to either 774 or			<.05	<.05	<.05	· .05	<.05	<.05	i.	°, 03	<05
NO ₃ (ppm)	5,000	, ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ;	<5	11,100	117	55			o a portable tank	.07 ponds).	(0-235).	711 1/m	m/l <5	m/l 138	/m/135,100	/m/1<5	/m/1<5	. 5, [/]	C - /E	/m/l <l< td=""></l<>
Highest Activity	14.7 ppm 2.3 x 10	2.3×10^{5}	4.8×10^{5}	1.3×10^{5}	4.9×10^{5}	4.6×10^{5}	3.1×10^{5}		transferred to	(raw waste to 2	tank and transported by portable tank (U-235).	13 x 10 ⁶ d/m/l 117	$39 \times 10^6 \text{ d/m/l} < 5$	86 x 10 ⁶ d/m/l 138	630 × 10 ⁶ d/m/135,100	$3.77 \times 10^{9} \text{d/m/l} < 5$	17.2 x 10 ⁶ d/m/l<5	3- 1/-/8 901 7 83	2 4 25	6.86 x 10 ⁰ d/m/l<1
Monthly Average Volume	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	2,500	1,400	1,600	na entries	ound tank and	concentration	ransported by	149,000	164,000	006,89	136,300	112,900	40,100	26 900	200	25,000
Year	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	n an underg	itrate ion	l tank and	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975) -	1976
General Types and Levels of Contamination	Decontamination water contains both uranium	and plutonium Year total	Year total						Small amount of low-level waste - it is held in a one of the ponds depending on the level.	Small amount of low-level lab waste but with nitrate ion concentration (raw waste to 207 ponds).	Small amount of waste held in aboveground steel	High volume - high activity (prior to 1969	waste was low-level and transferred	directly to the ponds - see raw waste	section). Activity refers to plutonium.					
8149.	889								122	123	886	776								

Waste into first stage of 774 - all this waste was transferred in lines that run through a tunnel between 771 and 774 and are thus double-contained and inspectable. This waste was summarized for 1953-1966 and this summary is contained. After 1966 the volume was greatly increased and time limitations prevented a summary of more recent years.

NOTE:

PROCESS WASTE DATA SUMMARY - FLUIDS INTO 2ND STAGE OF 774 (continued)

Bldg.	General Types and Levels of Contamination	Year	Monthly Average Volume	Highest Activity NO	(muc) ON	9+05	7	i
				To the same	103 (phill)	(mdd)	£	Other
171	Janitor waste and decontaminated water	1969	25,600	1.9 × 10 ⁶ d/m/	1 39	<.05	4.1-7.8	
	(prior to 1969 waste was low-leyel and	1970	46,500	8,000 d/m/l	108	<,05	5.4-8.4	
	transferred directly to the ponds - see	1971	14,000	14,000 d/m/l	10	<,05	7.6-8.8	
	raw waste section). Activity refers to	1972	7,700	7,700 d/m/l	100	<.05	3.5-7.4	
	plutonium.	1973	8,700	5,100 d/m/l	650	<.05	3.3-11.	9
		1974	5,500	210,000 d/m/l	20	<.05	7.4-10.	
		1975	9,000	4,200 d/m/l	<5	<.05	6.8-7.9	
		1976	4,200	1,300 d/m/l	21	<.05	5.7-6.6	
707		1972	18,200					
		1973	12,000					
		1974	8,300					
		1975	8,100					
		1976	8,000					
677		1972	11,400					
		1973	9,200					
		1974	8,000					
		1975	4,300					
		1976	2,000					

Beta		770,000 2.1 x 106 4.2 x 10		
F (ppm)	1,000			
) PONDS CR ⁺⁶ (ppm)	<.05			
TREATED WASTE FROM 774 (TANKS 66, 67, 68) TO PONDS Monthly Average d/m/i N03 (ppm) CR	9,600 22,000 64,000 715,000 25,000 41,200 68,000	135,600 87,900 52,000 70,400 151,200 70,400	21,000 26,000 35,000 45,200 56,600 113,000 90,000 98,200	69,600 166,400
E FROM 774 (TAI d/m/l Activity	200,000 32,000 200,000 154,800 4,400 19,000 23,000	32,000 130,000 130,000 37,000 320,000 30,000 30,000	5,800 18,000 9,400 7,100 11,000 24,000 12,000 55,000	34,000 29,000
TREATED WAST Monthly Average Gallons Volume	200,000 181,000 233,500 110,100 108,000 26,700 no entries no entries 86,200 223,100 280,000	292,000 195,000 266,300 292,000 195,000 253,600	40,800 96,340 142,400 114,900 230,600 144,300 82,100	no entries 9,900 221,000 no entries
Year	1956 1957 1958 1960 1961 1963 1964	1968 1968 1970 1971 1972 1974 1975	1960 1961 1962 1963 1964 1966 1967	1969-1972 1973 1974 1975-1976
	Year total			
Description	To Pond 2-A (207-A)	Year total	To Pond 2-B (207-B)	Year total

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	TR	EATED WASTE FROM	4 774 (TANKS 66,	TREATED WASTE FROM 774 (TANKS 66, 67, 68) TO PONDS (continued)	(continued)		
		Monthly Average	:				
Description	Year	Volume	Activity	NO ₃ (ppm)	CR ⁺⁶ (ppm)	F (ppm)	Beta
To Building 95 Ponds (Pond 3)	1954	68,700	440	3,300	.18 ppm U		
	1955	47,800	693	4,850	•	20 ppm	
	1956	54,940	900	10,000	<.05	•	
	1957	143,100	2,000	5,800			
	1958	104,700	1,000	008,9	٠.01	125	
	1959	82,500	2,200	2,900	<.05	^100	
	1960	100,600	1,100	1,300	<.05	20	
	1961	199,000	1,000	800	<.05	20	
	1962	158,800	1,100	995	<.05	09	
	1963	218,300	2,700	620	<.05	40	
	1964	200,800	1,400	880	<.05	50	
	1965	45,900	1,700	480	<.05	40	
Total year	1966	242,400	2,100	650	<.05		
	1961	146,300	1,700	388	>.06		
	1968	no entries					
	1969	212,700	5,300	53	.18		
	1970	204,500	1,600	22	<.05		
	1971	93,700	2,700	\$	<,05		
	1972	57,140	3,000	28.4	. 52		
To Sewage Tank 990	1973	Average 67,730	1.600	12 ppm	. 05 ppm		
		, , , ,	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,				

	p _u																l/m/l	.027g/12600d/m/l	5,100 d/m/l	5,800 d/m/l	9,600 d/m/l	21,000
	H		3.1-11.7	2.0-11.8						10.4-12	6.6-11.7			2.7-7.5		1.2-10.9	$1.5 \times 10^6 \text{ d/m/1}$	3.5-11.7				
ra)	Other (ppm)		F 154,000 I 6,020			1.1 9/1					100						100 ppm	1.15			PO ₄ 29	
ETE DAT	δl		ц.			-					LL.			•			Be	Be			P0	
SEE COMPI	CR ⁺⁶		16 ppm		⊽						<.05				30.8	110	210	24.2	194	.24	.13	
Y SOURCE -	NO ₃		550 ppm							<5 ppm	240	38,000	009.6	195	8,480	10,120	492	3,000	2,800	338	135	~
TO PONDS (FOR BREAKDOWN BY SOURCE - SEE COMPLETE DATA)	U-238	m/1		1.31 9/1	.45 g/l	1.1 9/1	1.72 9/1	1.23 9/1		1,500 d/m/1 .625 g/1	1/6 50.						1,056 ppm	647	n/1	150,000 d/m/l 1.7 ppm		.46 ppm
	U-235	9,200 d/m/l	34,800	168,600	5.7 ppm	14 ppm	15 ppm	2 ррш		2.1 ppm	2.2	2.9	.78 ppm	39 ррт	1.25	5.8	4.6	5.4	180,000 d/m/l	150,000 d/r	27,000	26,000 .41 ppm
RAW WASTE	Volume	101,580	215,800	77,600	66,100	87,500	48,500	56,200	no entries	108,200	104,800	106,000	691,504	235,900	70,750	94,750	267,100	94,000	154,600	125,400	122,100	103,600
	Year	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1961	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976
		Year Total																				
	Description	To Pond 2-A																				

	Pu :	ļ												12 000 4/m/1	6600		
	퓹	9.0-11.8	4.0-12.0	5.0-11.3	11.0	3.0-11.1	2.5-11.2			1.4-10.1	2.7-3.3				1,7-12,6	7.0	
(continued	U-235 U-238 NO ₃ CR ⁺⁶ Other (ppm)					25								tritium 7136			
COMPLETE DAT	CR ⁺⁶				⊽	~		<.05		~. 05				<.05	<.05		
CE - SEE	N03		9	140		1/1,4,200	540	7,200		000.8 [1,560			438	640		
AKDOWN BY SOUF	U-238	1.05 g/1	1.1 9/1	1.52 9/1	.29 g/l	980,000 d/m/l		50,000 d/m/l .069 g/l	i	82,000 d/m/l 8,000				22,000 d/m/l 4,500 d/m/l 438	20,000	13,000	
NDS (FOR BRE	U-235	7.3 ppm	8.6 ppm	4 ppm	2.9 ррт	5.5 ppm	•	10.5 ррш		335 ppm	.54 ppm			22,000 d/m	28,000		
RAW WASTE TO PC	Volume	40,300	106,800	. 55,400	37,300	41,750	27,200	110,800	no entries	006,66	8,100	no entries	no entries	121,800	146,400	4,500	no entries
	Year	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1961	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976
	Description	To Pond 2-8									Year total						

			RAW WAS	RAW WASTE TO PONDS				
Description	Year	Volume Gallons	Activity	NO ₃ (ppm)	CR ⁺⁶ (ppm)	표	Other (ppm)	
To Building 95 Pond (Pond 3)	1957	208,200	800 d/m/1	8	.01 mpm	l	F 50	
,	1959	339,100	1,000 d/m/1 800 d/m/1	10	۸ راج	0	01 1	
	1960	550,800	1,600	40	,	8-10.5	-l-	
	1961	432,400	1,400	45		5.8-11.5		
	1962	459,200	1,700	89	<.05	4.5-11.4	F_ <10	
	1963	001,799	2,400	10	.46	6.5-11.9	F 25	
	1964	651,200	2,200	< 5	<.05	8.9-12.0	F 45	
	1965	661,300	2,800	\$	<.05	10.4-11.7	F_ 30	
	1966	580,700	2,600	97	<.05	6.1-11.9		
	1967	308,620	2,900	21	*.08	3.8-10.5		
	1968	359,000	6,400	128	-	3,1-10,5		
	1969	306,000	5,800	50	. ee.	3.9-10.0		
	1970	299,000	4,500	=	<.05	6.3-9.4		
	1971	449,200	19,000	47	<.05	6.5-10.2		
	1972	496,500	25,000	16	<.05	2.8-11.4	Be .67	
	1973	331,000	16,000	40	60.	6.1-12.2		
Raw waste to Pond 2 (old	1954	7,500	753					
clay-lined)	1955	42,300	4,000					
	1956	18,600	000					
	1957	291,600	1,000	5				
	1958	46,600	45,600		· 0.		F <10	
	1959	172,800	24,000	2,400 ppm	wdd [>	1.6-11.7		
	1960	41,400	1,300 d/m/l	162	3.9	4.5-12.5	-	
Treated waste to Pond 2	1954	123,700	25,213	16,800		8.5-11.9	F 160 .59 ppm U	
(old clay-lined)	1955	81,200	2,600	22,000		11.8-12.6	F_ 1000	
	1956 1957	104,100	4,000	39,700				
	1958	78.000	2,700	800				
	1959	75,208	280,000	26,500			F >100 Cd <.05	

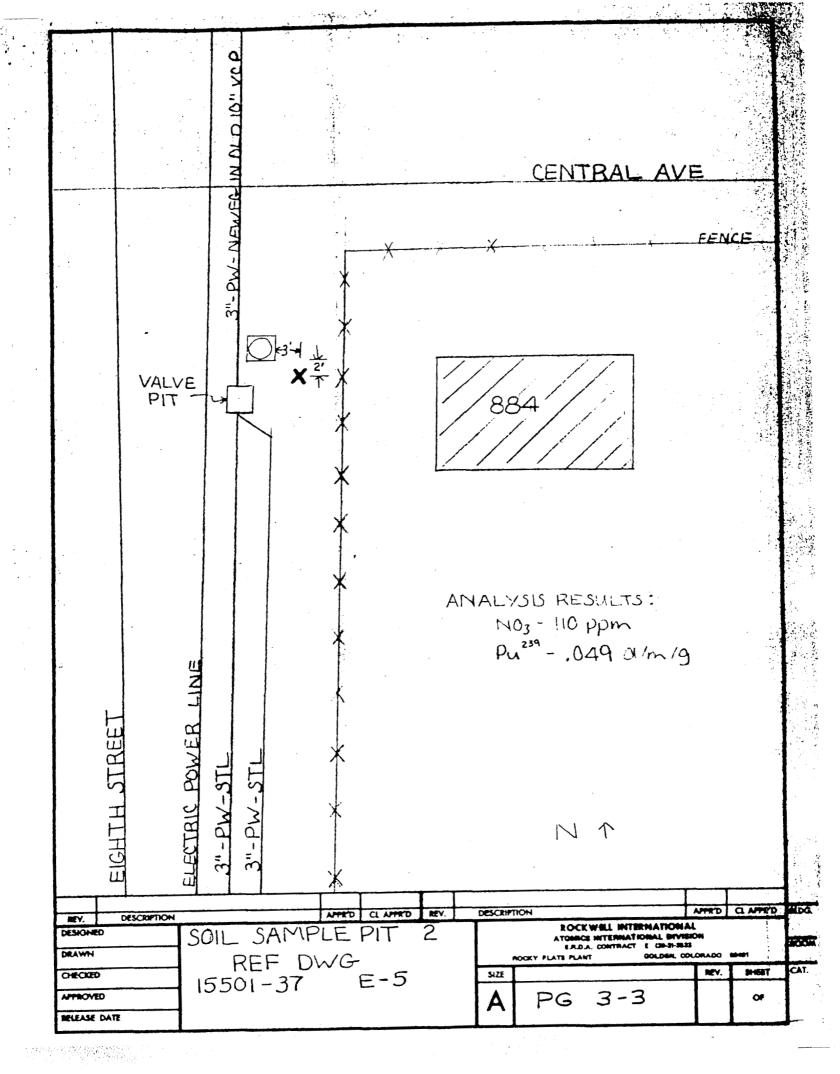
APPENDIX 3 - SOIL SAMPLES

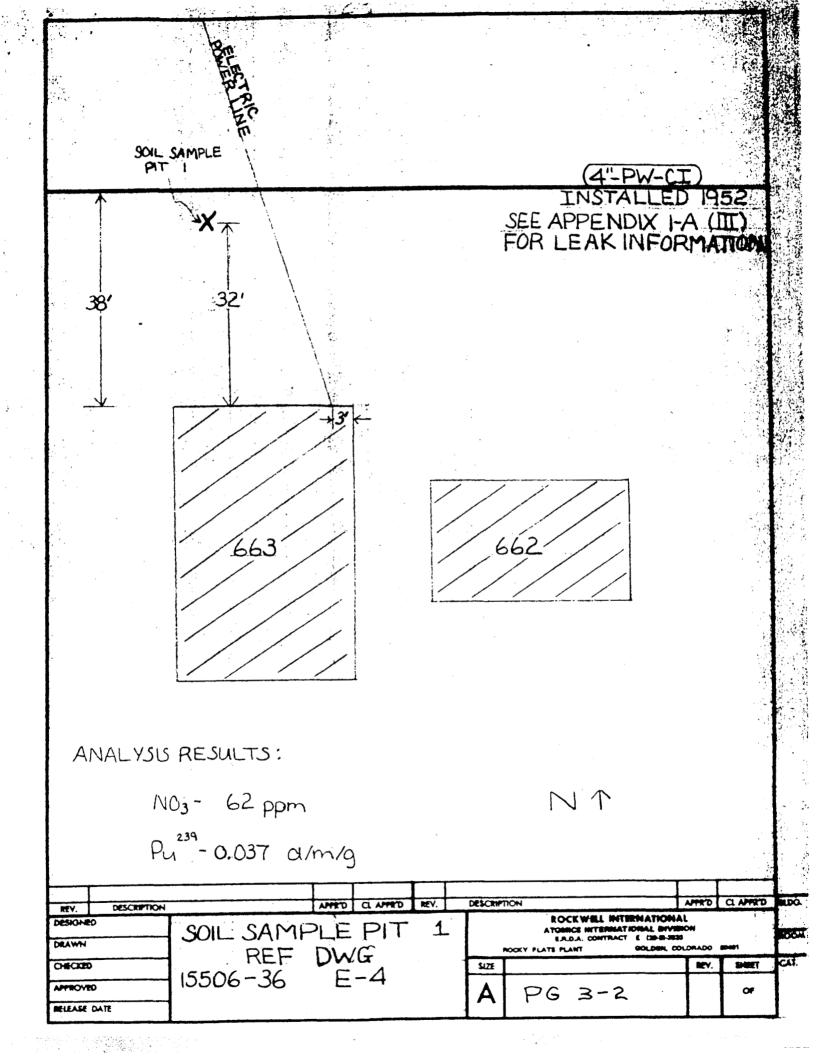
Nine locations were chosen for soil sampling in areas where repairs or leaks have occurred. All samples were taken from the bit of an auger after drilling to about 4' deep. Soil sample pits were located as close as possible to the area of concern and generally on the northeast side. Exact distances are noted on the sketches contained in this appendix.

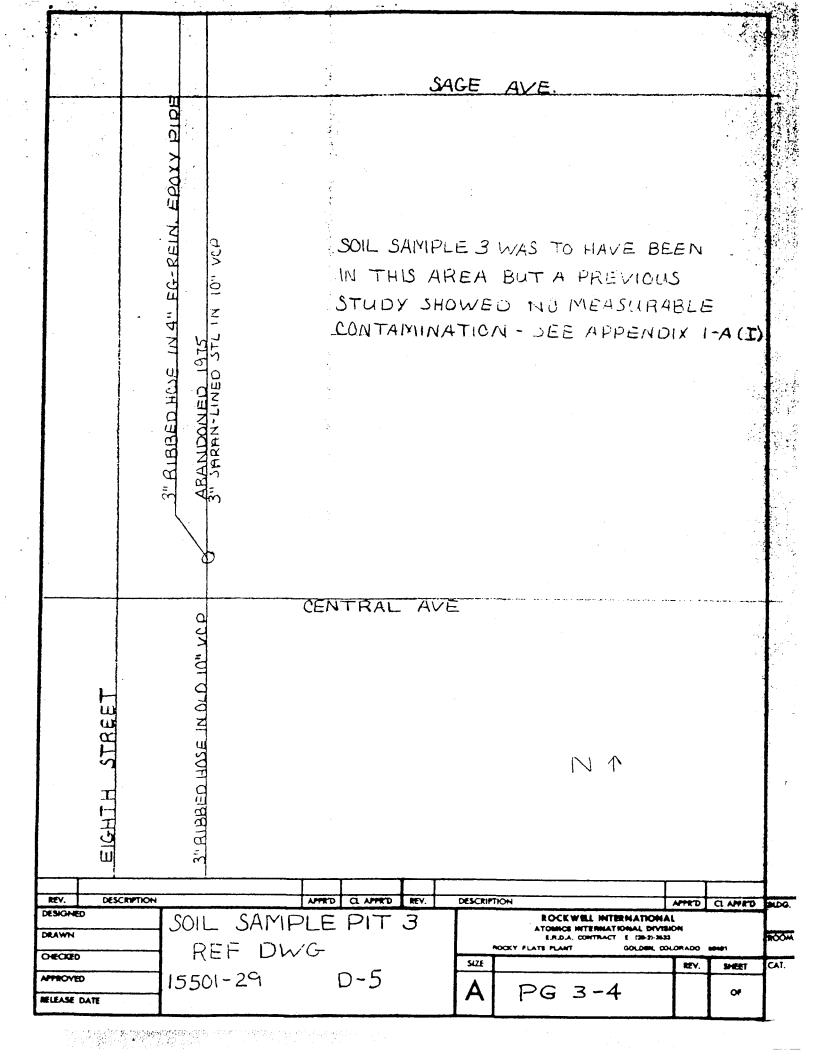
Soil sample analyses were conducted by the Health and Environmental Science Labs, under the direction of Weldon Williams.

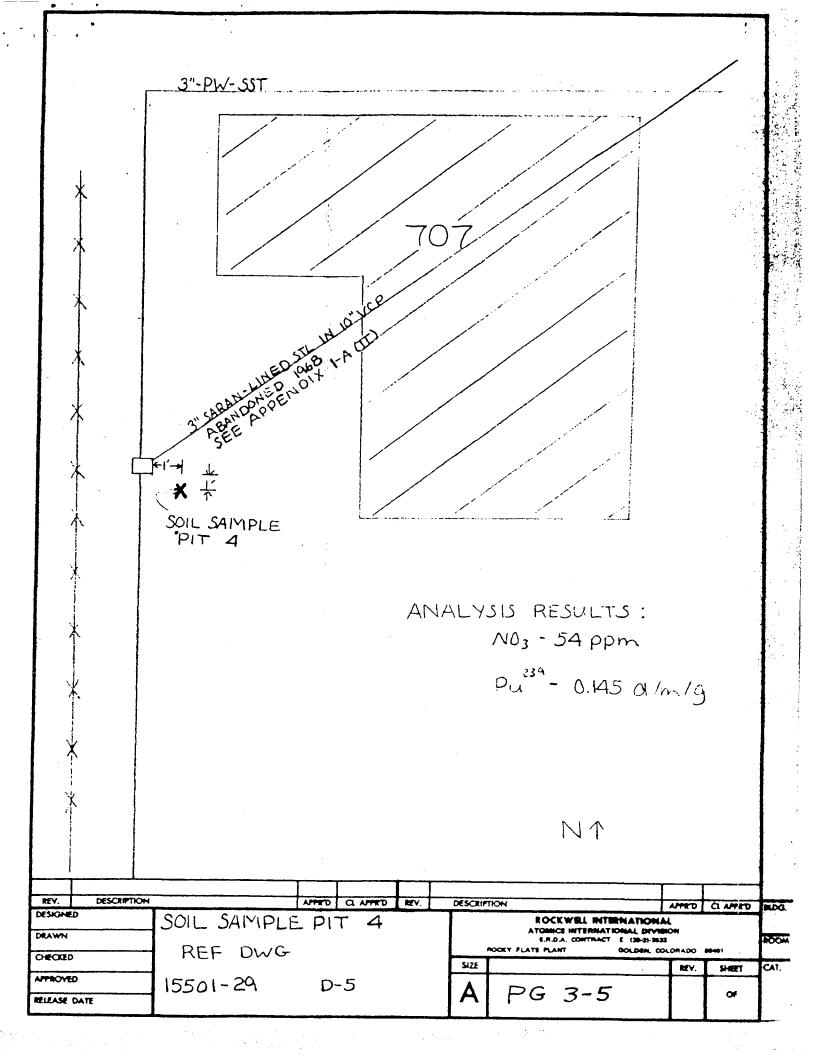
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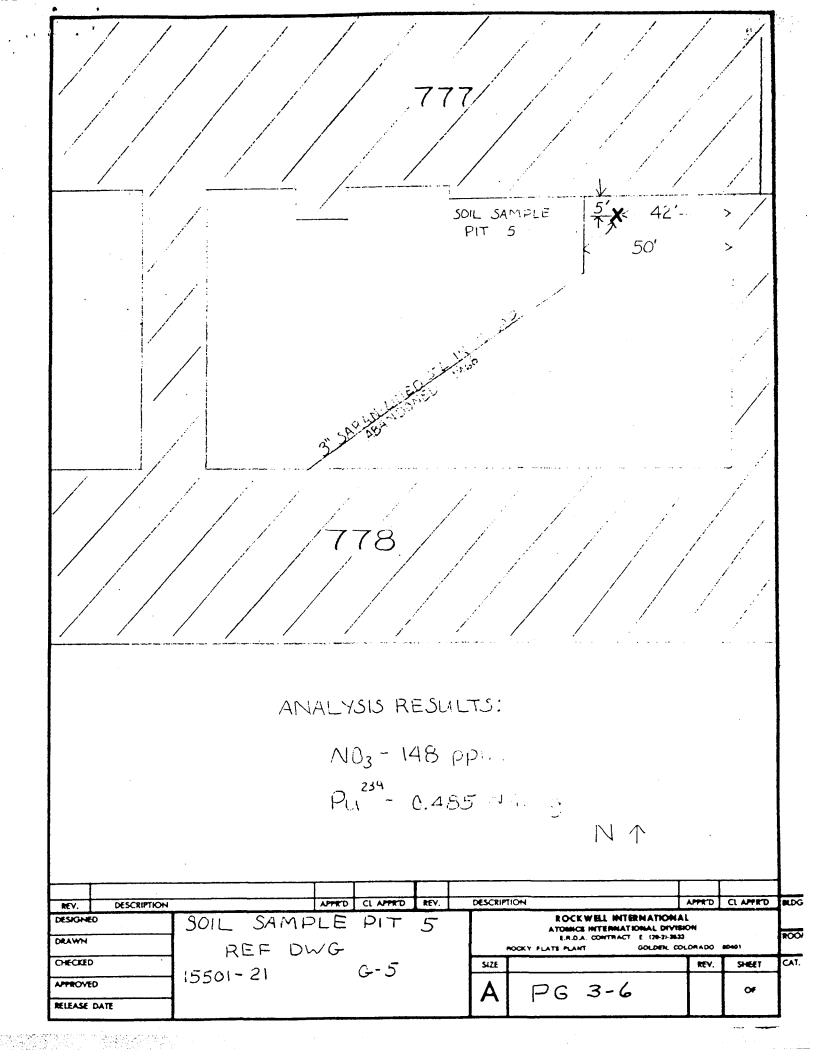
Sample No.	NO ₃ (ppm)	Pu ²³⁹ (d/m/g)
1	62	0.037
2	. 110	0.049
4	54	0.145
5	148	0.485
. 6	104	0.05
7 ·	70	0.185
8	76	1.83
9	44	3.385

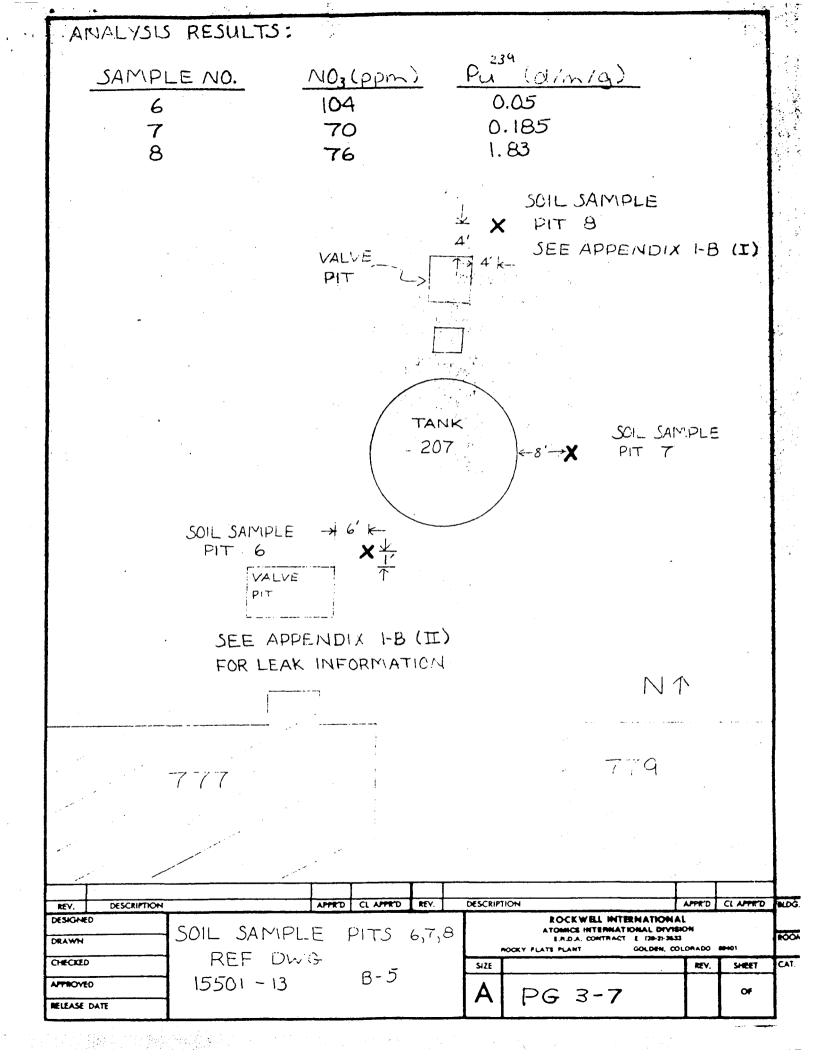


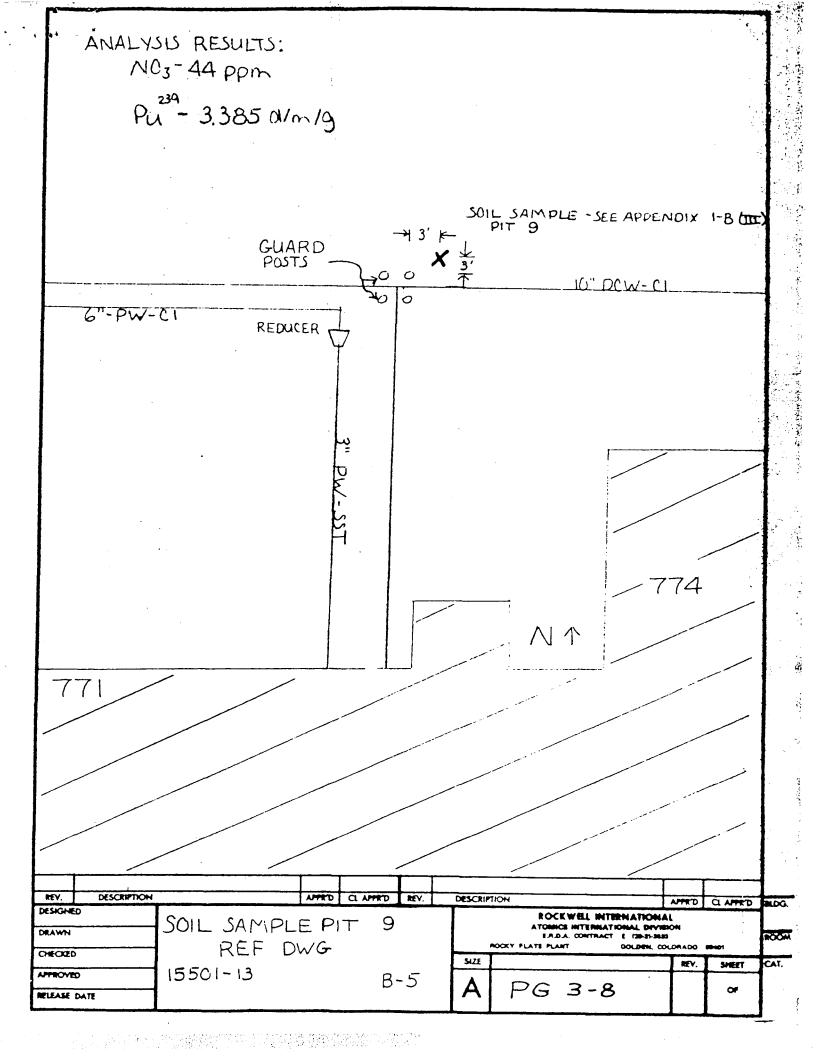












APPENDIX 5 - LIBRARY SEARCH PIPE CLEANING METHODS

A survey of the technical periodical indexes was conducted to search out new developments in the areas of pipe cleaning, plugging, and removal. Cross references were used in the area of nuclear wastes as well as general pipe listings.

Although there are now a number of installations in this country which handle nuclear materials, not many have been in service as long as the Rocky Flats Plant. Understandably, there has been little written on the problem of abandoning pipelines which have the potential of containing nuclear residue. Some information was found which could be helpful in cleaning the lines but nothing on pipe plugging or removal.

One very specific procedure was recommended by Dr. J. A. Ayres of Battelle Northwest: (1)

- Use a solution of 18% potassium hydroxide and 3% potassium permanganate for three hours at 105° C (221° F)
- 2. Rinse throughly
- 3. Use 10% sulfamic acid for three hours at 70° C (158° F)
- 4. Rinse throughly
- 5-8. Repeat steps 1-4

Dr. Ayres has used this method to clean pipes that have carried nuclear materials. Although the temperatures seem unrealistic for cleaning pipes several hundred

⁽¹⁾ How to Employ Chemical Cleaning for Power and Process Piping, C. M. Loucks, Heating, Piping and Air conditioning, June 1965.

feet long, the solutions could still be an improvement over those used for cleaning pipes with more typical waste products.

There is ample information suggesting that sulfamic acid is better than hydrochloric. Specifically: (2)

- A. Inhibited sulfamic acid vs. hydrochloric acid
 - sulfamic is safer to use, a more effective descaler and poses no corrosion problems
 - 2. the solution strength and temperature are not critical, even if an error is made, there is no danger of damage to equipment
- B. Basic rules for using sulfamic acid
 - 1. keep it hot the best temperature is about 160° F
 - keep it strong 40 lb dry acid descaler/50 gallons of water. Too much acid is uneconomical, too much water is not strong enough.
 - 3. keep it moving to keep fresh, strong acid against the pipe walls

Other periodicals which might be helpful are:

Applying Chemical Cleaning Solvents, C. M. Loucks, Heating-Piping, September 1964.

Steps for Chemical Cleaning of Piping Systems, C. M. Loucks, Heating-Piping, May 1964

How to Choose An Acidic Cleaner, J. D. Palmer, Can. Chem. Process., January 1970

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Liquid Wastes and the Nitrate Problem at the Rocky Flats Plant, B. L. Kelchner, oral presentation given at the Problems Analysis Meeting held at Rocky Flats on May 25-26, 1971

<u>Pressure Testing and Leak Location Survey of Process Waste Lines at the Rocky Flats Facility</u>

REFERENCE DRAWINGS

The following drawings for location and dating of the process waste collection system are available in the Facilities Engineering and Construction Department:

Original Process Waste Lines*

15501-(Utility Drawings)

13902

25609-X08

SK-410204-(1-5)

New Process Waste Lines 25052-047

Process Waste Collection Tanks
19878-1
19878-2

* The drawings contained in this study of the process waste lines have been throughly checked and altered for accuracy. Most of the changes incorporated in the drawings are from information obtained from M. E. Maas of Waste Treatment. The numerous sketches of changes and repairs in the lines kept by Mr. Maas and his excellent memory were a most important resource in locating lines. Field checks were made whenever possible such as at entry points to buildings, valve pits, etc.